

Metropolitan



Awami League brought out a torch procession in the city yesterday to drum up support for today's rail and road blockade programme of the major opposition parties. — Star photo

Minister tells JS
Tk 213 cr sanctioned for dev of high schools

The government has sanctioned about Tk 213 crore for the development of the country's high schools in the current financial year. State Minister for Establishment Aminul Huq informed the House yesterday, reports BSS.

In absence of Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar Huq was replying to a question from Sardar Sakhwat Hossain Bakul (BNP-Narsingdi).

In reply to a supplementary question he said, out of the total amount, Tk 166 crore is being financed from government's own sources while Tk 47 crore by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). He said, eight high schools including at least one girls' high school in each thana have been taken for development and the remaining schools would also be developed in phases.

In reply to another supplementary question from Dr Abdul Latif Bhuiya (BNP-Kishoreganj), he said at least one *ebtedai* madrasah in each union was receiving government facilities like primary schools. Such fa-

cilities would be extended to more madrasahs in future. He said that the present government had given registration to thousands of private primary schools.

In reply to a question from M Niamat Ullah (BNP-Dhaka), Huq said, there are 317 government schools, 12 higher secondary colleges and 220 government colleges in the country.

DUTA polls Dec 22

By DU Correspondent

The election to the working committee of the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) for the year 1995 will be held on December 22.

The polling will start at 10 am and will run till 2 pm at the Dhaka University Club building.

The date of the elections was fixed in a meeting of the DUTA working committee yesterday, said a press release of the association.



A visitor at a photo exhibition of the awarded photographs in 17th photo contest of the Asian Cultural Centre for UNESCO at city's Shilpakala Academy auditorium yesterday. The show will remain open for all from 2 pm to 7 pm till tomorrow. — Star photo

What's on today

USIS dialogue: A worldnet discussion on AIDS, Awareness with Jim Graham, executive director of the Whitman Walker Clinic. Venue: American Cultural Centre auditorium. Time: 5:30 pm.

Japan Study Circle seminar: A two-day seminar organised by the Japan Study Circle begins. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 10 am.

Open debate session: The House of Debators has arranged an open debate session on "Faulty education system: Young generation's tendency to go abroad" will be held. Venue: TSC auditorium, DU. Time: 4:30 pm.

Theatre: The visiting celebrated San Francisco Mime troupe, will stage the drama 'Big Wind.' The Aranyak, a local theatre group, has organised the show. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 6 pm.

Zahir Raihan Film Society: Two films — Britannia Hospital at 5 pm and The Whales of August at 7:15 pm — will be screened as part of the society's Lindsay Anderson retrospective. Venue: Goethe-Institut auditorium.

Rotary Club of Ramna: The club will hold its weekly meeting. Venue: Rotary District Secretariat at 13, Satmasjid Road. Time: 6:30 pm.

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Lathi khela: A *lathi khela*, the traditional sports of country, will be held as part of the Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation's month-long Tourism Month '94 programme. Venue: Abahant Stadium, Dhanmondi. Time: 3 pm.

Art workshop: A workshop on "Attractive art exhibitions and Artists' organisations in Germany: Adaptable for Bangladesh?" will be held. Venue: Goethe-Institut auditorium. Time: 10 am.

Bartaman Sanglap: The monthly Bartaman Sanglap will celebrate its one-year publication anniversary. Venue: National Press Club conference lounge. Time: 4 pm.

UNAB symposium: In observance of UN declared International Day of Solidarity with the Struggling People of Palestine, will hold a symposium. Venue: UNIC auditorium at House-25, Road-11, Dhanmondi. Time: 4 pm. Chief guest: DU VC Prof Emajuddin Ahmed.

DU (Hons) exams on Dec 7 & 8 shifted

By DU Correspondent

Dhaka University Honours examinations (1992) under traditional system earlier scheduled for December 7 and 8, 1994, have been shifted due to *hartal* call on the days.

According to the new schedule, examinations of the Statistics first paper will be held on December 14 (Wednesday); Political Science, History, Islamic Studies, Mathematics, Geography, Zoology, Management, English and Islamic History and Culture 7th paper will be held on December 21 (Wednesday).

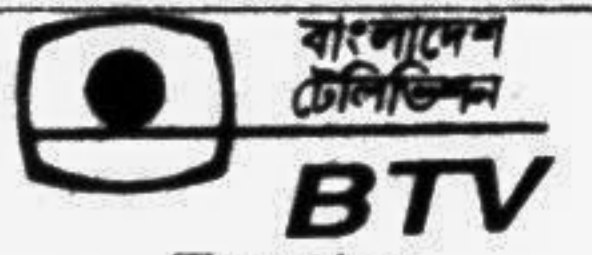
The examinations of Bengali, Philosophy, Economics, Psychology and Accounting 7th paper will be held on January 4, 1995 (Wednesday).

The schedule for other examinations announced earlier, will remain unchanged, said a press release of the Dhaka University yesterday.

First laparoscopic appendicectomy

The first laparoscopic appendicectomy in Bangladesh was carried out successfully on Nimmi, 14, at the Ibn-Sina Clinic yesterday by Dr Ziaul Haq. He was assisted by Dr Faisal Muazzam, Dr Nazmul Hassan and Dr S M Baktiar, says a press release.

The patient remains well and is expected to go home this morning.



Tuesday

- 4:30 Opening announcement
- 4:45 Esho Para Shikhi
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:25 Drama series: The Miraculous Mellops
- 6:00 National debate competition
- 7:00 Open University
- 7:25 Sangeeta
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Drama series: Chhaya Shikari
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Film show Northern Exposure
- 11:30 Khabar/The news
- 11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary

DU Urdu Dept reception

By DU Correspondent

Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University Professor Emajuddin Ahmed yesterday felicitated the Iranian government for its cooperation in the development of education and research works in the university.

He was addressing a function of the Department of Urdu and Persian of the university at the auditorium of the Modern Language Institute in the morning.

The function was organised to accord reception to Dr Kazim Kahduye the newly-appointed Iranian professor at the department and on the occasion of the inauguration of a renovated department seminar library.

Weather

Dry weather likely

Dry weather is likely over the country during the next 12 hours till 6:00 pm today, reports UNB.

The Met Office predicts slight fall in the night temperature over the country during the period.

Country's highest temperature 29.5 degrees Celsius was at Feni and the lowest 12.8 degrees at Dinajpur.

The sun sets today at 5:11 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 6:24 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity in some cities/towns in the country recorded yesterday were as follows:

City	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	29.0	15.0	68	67
Chittagong	28.8	15.4	78	66
Rajshahi	27.8	13.8	73	70
Khulna	28.7	15.4	80	79
Barisal	28.5	15.0	89	90
Sylhet	27.5	13.4	80	78
Rangpur	27.2	14.8	77	77
Cox's Bazar	29.0	19.0	72	68

BNF symposium

A five-day international symposium on Biological Nitrogen Fixation (BNF) associated with Rice begins at the Sonargaon Hotel in the city today, says a press release.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia will inaugurate.

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